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SUBJECT: GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT BY JAMAICAN MINISTER OF STATE

1. SUMMARY: IN BRIEF BUT FAR-RANGING GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT ON SEPT. 23, JAMAICAN MINISTER OF STATE DUDLEY THOMPSON GOT OFF SOME SOLID BLOWS AT THE US ON THE VIETNAM MEMBERSHIP VETOS, AT THE "ADVANCED" STATES FOR ARMAMENTS EXPENDITURES AND ARMS TRAFFICKING, AT THE "STRONG" FOR INTERFERING IN CYPRUS AND THE MIDDLE EAST AND FOR NOT TAKING NOTE OF PROBLEMS IN SOUTH AFRICA AND BELIZE, AND AT THE MAJOR MARITIME POWERS FOR NOT BEING WILLING TO ACCEPT THE NECESSARY ECONOMIC READJUSTMENTS TO ADVANCE THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE. THOMPSON CHARACTERIZED BELIZE AS A "FESTERING SORE OF DISCONTENT". HE SAID RESERVATIONS BY SOME DELEGATIONS CAST DOUBT ON THE VALUE OF THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION. END SUMMARY

2. FOLLOWING THE STANDARD FLOWERY OPENING, THOMPSON ATTACKED THE DEVELOPED NATIONS FOR ARMS EXPENDITURES AND ARMS TRAFFICKING, SINGLING OUT THOSE "THAT DEAL IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEATH BY THE MASSIVE SALE OF ARMAMENTS", THOSE WHO PRO-

VIDE ARMS TO BOTH SIDES IN A CONFLICT, AND CLANDESTINE ARMS TRAFFICKERS WHO SUBVERT SOVEREIGN NATIONS, PARTICULARLY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

3. THOMPSON AIMED A DIRECT BLOW AT THE US IN A REMARK IN WHICH HE SAID THAT AFTER INFLECTING WHOLESAL DEVESTATION IN WAR THE POWER MOST RESPONSIBLE REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE VICTIMS' OFFER OF FORGIVENESS AND REJECTED THEIR ATTEMPT TO JOIN THE UN.

4. TURNING TO CYPRUS, THOMPSON CHARACTERIZED IT AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE "TRAGEDY OF INTERFERENCE AND OPPRESSION BY THE STRONG OF THE WEAK." HE ASKED WHY THE GREAT POWERS MASSIVELY INTERFERE IN THE MIDDLE EAST OR CYPRUS, WHILE PAYING NO ATTENTION TO THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLES OF BELIZE OR SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND WONDERED IF ITS WAS BECAUSE THE GREAT POWERS ARE CONCERNED WITH SECURING PROPERTY AND NOT RPT NOT PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE. ON THE MIDDLE EAST, THOMPSON ENDORSED THE "JUST CLAIM OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE".

5. HE CHARACTERIZED BELIZE AS A "FESTERING SORE OF DISCONTENT" ON THE BRINK OF INDEPENDENCE BUT UNABLE TO ACHIEVE IT FOR FEAR OF ANNEXATION AND URGED LA SUPPORT FOR BELIZE. HE DESCRIBED BELIZE'S POSITION AS "INTOLERABLE".

6. THOMPSON SAID IT IS TOO EARLY TO ASSESS FULLY THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION, BUT REMARKED THAT "RESERVATIONS EXPRESSED BY SOME DELEGATIONS HAVE CAST DOUBT ON THE VALUE OF WHAT MAY HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED". QUOTING AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN INDIRECTLY THAT "THE SYSTEM WORKS," HE WONDERED IF THE NEW NOTE OF OPTIMISM ABOUT THE UN WAS A RESULT OF CHANGED VIEWS OR RATHER OF A REALIZATION THAT THE UN HAS FAILED TO BRING ABOUT REAL CHANGE.

7. THOMPSON SAID HE SAW SOME SIGNS OF HOPE THAT THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE MAY SUCCEED BUT ALSO EVIDENCE THAT THE GREAT MARITIME POWERS, NOT RPT NOT YET PREPARED TO CONCEDE THE NECESSARY ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENTS, ARE DELIBERATELY AND UNNECESSARILY DELAYING PROGRESS.
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8. IN BRIEF COMMENTS ON RESTRUCTURING THE UN SYSTEM, THOMPSON EMPHASIZED THAT STEPS TO MAKE THE SYSTEM MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CAN ONLY SUCCEED IF ACCOMPANIED BY THE NECESSARY POLITICAL WILL TO INSTITUTE THE "NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER".

9. ALTHOUGH GUATEMALA WAS INSCRIBED TO EXERCISE ITS

RIGHT OF REPLY TO THOMPSON'S STATEMENT, THE SESSION
WAS ADJOURNED WITHOUT ANY GUATEMALAN REPLY.
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